

MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Governing Board

FROM: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: September 18, 2006

SUBJECT: Agenda Item IV(c): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance dedication of approximately 27.6 acre conservation easement over APN 2826-020-055, pursuant to Conditional Use Permit No. 00-137-(5), in the Stevenson

Ranch area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance dedication of approximately 27.6 acre conservation easement over a portion of APN 2826-020-055, pursuant to Conditional Use Permit No. 00-137-(5), in the Stevenson Ranch area of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

<u>Background</u>: Oakridge Homes, LLC is developing a housing tract in unincorporated Los Angeles county just west of the City of Santa Clarita. Pursuant to the conditional use permit, a dedication of an open space/conservation easement to a public entity was a precondition to approval of the tract map.

The area in question is currently unimproved land and is adjacent to large areas of undeveloped habitat. Recreational trails and public access will be allowed on the easement area and the developer and successors will be responsible for the maintenance and any fuel modification on the property.

The easement also specifically provides for access for the MRCA to other agency owned properties in the vicinity.

Please see attached maps for exact locations.